

instilled into my soul early in life by a faithful father and mother, began to assert itself, and in a moment the cigar was gone, and since that day not another, nor the filthy weed in any of its forms, has touched these lips, and never will. The victory was won. I took my pick and shovel and went to work on my brother's cellar, the wiser for that day's celebration. I remained a boy six years more. Here is the difficulty, our children, unrestrained by home influences, reach that age five years too soon. Samatha Allen, speaking of a young man who took an active part in an Easter service at Jonesville, says, "he was an excellent 'feller,' sound from Alpha to Omega, or as far as he got toward Omega." Let the boys and girls remember that they are yet a great way from Omega, that they have but left Alpha, and that the important thing is, not how far toward Omega they have gone, but that they are sound as far as they have gone.

This unnatural ambition to be men and women is unfortunately, not confined to the boys and girls. In many instances parents are as ambitious to have their children outgrow their childhood and youth, immaturely, as the children themselves are. It is a question whether the blame for this unnatural development of the child does not rest entirely with the parent. He is responsible for it, and to him we must look for its correction. You want your boys and girls who are yet children, to go into society, conform to the ways and fashions of society, and thus make them men and women socially, while they are children physically and mentally. They must have their socials, their club meetings, private and public dances, "make dates with one another," as the boys call it. All this when reason and common sense and good judgment and nature, say, remain at home and learn the lessons of love and obedience and quietness. But what is to be the remedy for all this? You must go to the seat of the trouble, the home. There is the beginning of all the trouble, and there we must go to find the remedy. Keep your children at home under your care and keeping. Boys and girls under fifteen years have no business on the streets after 8 o'clock. It is a fatal mistake to think that boys and girls of that age should meet in social clubs, at parties, at dances, and escort each other home. They are yet children and have no right to have beaux; you need not forbid boys to come to your home, but when you give them the liberties of your parlor, and allow yourself as mother or father to be locked out, you are yielding your just rights as ruler of that home, and laying the foundation for the disruption of home government. Let the boys know that your girls are children and that you mean to be in the parlor as long as they are there. It should never enter a girl's mind to have a beau under 18 years—I mean the girl—while he ought to be twenty. Young people do not have good judgment, and very few good sense under that age. Shall the young people then be deprived of innocent amusement? Certainly not. Let the boys

have ball, let the girls have games, but be sure that as a wise father and mother you exercise the same authority and that you have the same solicitation for them when at play as when at work. Give them the parlor; turn the chairs upside down, if necessary, and play hide and seek with them. Make them feel that they are yet children and that the very best and safest place for them is in the home, under parental influence.

Permit me an earnest word to you, fellow teachers. Part of this work is yours. Do you say you have to do only with the intellectual growth and development of the child? Then you have missed your calling, and we advise you to seek a livelihood somewhere else. There is no true education that does not have regard for the uniform development of the threefold nature of the child. A boy is not built like one of Uncle Sam's war vessels, in sections. A girl is not like a Chinese puzzle that can be taken apart and put together again. Some are quite a puzzle, but not in that sense. Training and developing the body at the expense of the mind may make a fine specimen of humanity, physically, but leave an intellectual dunce. Giving all attention to the intellect, crowding the memory with facts, may succeed in developing a vigorous intellectual capacity, produce a clever phenomenon, or even a prodigy of learning, but you will have a puny, sickly frame, and some cold or fever will bring your work to naught. No, let there be a uniform development of body, mind and soul, and thus only do we meet the demands of the true and higher education.

And fathers and mothers, why should you want your children grow old early, or prematurely? Is there anything more beautiful than innocent youth? Dr. J. R. Miller speaks of the "dew of thy youth," and compares youth with dew. Dew is beautiful. So is youth. It is pure, so is youth. It is refreshing, so is youth. Youth is full of hope and glorious possibilities. And childhood, is there anything sweeter in God's earth than childhood? Do you wonder, that Christ, the great Teacher, so eagerly plucked these fairest flowers that bloom on earth's hills, transplanted from heaven's shore, and pinned them to his bosom? Why should you want these flowers droop so early? It is sad enough when God plucks them from earth's shore. While life lasts, let them bloom, shed their sweet fragrance in the home; care for them, keep them, water them with heaven's dew and gentle rain drops. All too soon they will cease sending forth the sweet fragrance of innocence and purity. Keep them under the blessed sunshine of a mother's love, then when the years have come and gone they will be prepared for the stern realities of life with its new duties and responsibilities.

#### Late Appreciation

We praise a friend when life is fled,  
Neglect the living one to cheer;  
And only know when he is dead,  
How much our spirits held him dear.

## The Little People

The beautiful true-eyed laddie,  
The lad alert and brave,  
The lad who obeys like a soldier,  
And not like a timorous slave.  
This is the lad to be trusted,  
To do whatever he can.  
In the very best way,  
And to do it to-day!  
And this is the coming man.

#### JUNIOR LESSON FOR JULY 3

Honoring Father and Mother.—Ehp. 6 : 14 ;

Prov. 17 : 6, 21, 25.

This is an important lesson for all the boys and girls. To honor father and mother is the duty of every child. There is more than one way of honoring your parents, and there is more than one way of dishonoring them. The Bible very plainly teaches the duty of honoring one's parents. Those who disrespect their parents and dishonor them, do at the same time disobey God and dishonor him. There are several lessons touching this subject which all the boys and girls should learn.

1. They should learn to appreciate their parents, that is realize first of all what they owe them. Think what they have done for you. In your helplessness they protected you. Many may have been the hours of sleep your mother lost that she might properly care for you. All the way thro your infancy, childhood and youth, she has cared for you. How unkind in you to disobey her, and burden her heart by being wayward and disobedient.

2. There are few things more to be admired than a child's devotion and faithfulness to its parents. When we find a boy who is very kind to his mother, always trying to please her and help her in every possible way, we invariably form a good opinion of him. The same with girls. There is no finer quality in any one than respect for parents.

3. Jesus set a good example for all children. It is said in the blessed gospel that he was subject to his parents. There is a beautiful lesson here for all children. Jesus too was once a child, and as child he was a perfect model for all other children. We often think of the quiet home at Nazareth where he dwelt with his parents, thus teaching the whole world a lesson of obedience.

4. The very first commandment with promise is that of honoring parents. Get your Bibles and read a few verses. (1) Exodus 20 : 12. (2) Proverbs 4 : 20-22. (3) Proverbs 6 : 20. (4) Proverbs 10 : 1. Also read the references at the head of this article, and these together will make an interesting Bible study for you.

## Our Young People

#### HONORING FATHER AND MOTHER

Eph. 6 : 1-4 ; Prov. 17 : 6, 21, 25.

Topic for July 3.

Duty like love is composite. It is made up of many things. This lesson specifies one of the greatest. It is sometimes said in reproach of a child, "He is tied to his mother's apron strings," but in a true sense this is not a reproach but a compliment.